

SAYS SPIRITISTS DEAL IN RANK BRAND OF FRAUD

Researcher Tells of Deceptions

New York Investigator of Psychical
Affairs Has Found No Communi-
cation Between Dead
and Living

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NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—One of the objects of the recently organized Institute for Psychical Research in this city is to expose the methods by which so-called spiritualists delude the public. Their tricks have been studied for the past nine years by the president of the institute, Dr. H. Spencer Lewis.

"If there is any truth whatever in the communication of the dead with the living," he said the other day to a reporter, "the spiritualists have yet to give a single proof of it. In nine years I think I have seen everything they have to show. Much was palpable fraud; even in the most mysterious there was nothing that could not be explained as due to natural means."

Dr. Lewis was asked to explain the mystery of the broad daylight seances which are in vogue just now.

"I have never heard a message given that could not trace to either keen observation or clever guesswork," Dr. Lewis said. "Let us take a typical meeting."

"The medium takes up an article—say a ring. She holds it up so that all may see it and begins to describe it minutely, as if for the benefit of those at a distance.

"Now, with this ring," she says, 'comes the form of a beautiful spirit. I do not know what there is in this ring to attract this spirit. (A pause.) Again I see this beautiful spirit that comes with this ring. This spirit has a message for the person who brought this ring.'

"All the time the medium is talking she is scanning the faces of the people before her. This is why she minutely describes the ring—to give her time in which to observe the audience. Invariably the owner of the ring betrays her identity.

"It may be that one woman will nudge another or that the owner will smile or become remarkably interested or grow nervous. Whatever it may be, the quick, practiced eye of the medium detects it.

"She then slowly descends from the rostrum, saying that the spirit is leading her to the one for whom its message is intended. She pauses before each row of people as though waiting for spirit guidance, but all the while scanning the faces before her through half closed eyes. At last, extending it to the right person, she says softly:

"Yes, you. This beautiful spirit tells me that you are the one for whom its message is intended."

Works Dramatic Side
"That is the dramatic side of the work. To go right to the person and say, 'This article is yours,' wouldn't produce the sad, tearful condition always desired by the medium. A woman thus wrought up and susceptible to all sorts of emotions is the one for whom the most wonderful messages can be obtained.

"We will suppose that a man is sitting next to the woman who bought the ring. Well, every medium knows that a man seldom goes alone to a seance, and in nine cases out of ten the woman is his wife. It is also a fact that when a man and his wife come to a seance it is generally in the hopes of receiving a message from a child they have lost.

"Acting on this cue the medium now says:

"Yes, this beautiful spirit stands

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here and this spirit form says

"Mother."

"This word is pronounced very softly and sweetly. Still the medium has not committed herself. If the woman does not break down and begin to weep she knows that the spirit seems to be that of a mother who wants to give a message to her child, or mentions one possible explanation after another until the woman assents to one of the experimental series.

"In nine cases out of ten, however, the woman begins to weep and the medium says softly, 'And now I hear her say, 'father.' Here the man breaks down, and the medium proceeds solemnly:

"It is your child who stands before you now. This spirit wants me to say that it is nice of you to come today. It seems to me that this spirit has not passed out long ago," she asks suddenly of the mother.

"Probably the mother will answer, 'Why, no; she passed out two months ago."

Information Means Much
"That is apparently an innocent bit of information, which the medium might have deduced from the woman's mourning, but the medium by asking the question has learned the sex of the child, which she did not know. She goes on:

"Your daughter says she wants to thank you for the many times you have visited her grave and the many pretty flowers you brought her there; reasoning, of course, that if the daughter has been only two months dead the mother has visited the grave and taken flowers.

"Then the medium will probably end up with: 'Your daughter says she is so glad that you got father to come with you this evening. He didn't want to come, but you induced him to do so, and she is so glad to see him here. She hopes you will both come often to talk with her.'

"Often the article placed on the rostrum tells much of the one who owned it. A ring may give the sex and a good idea of the age of the one who wore it. Not every locket which opens contains a photograph or a lock of hair, but as a celebrated medium once explained to me, a locket which opens and is brought to a seance is almost sure to do so, because it is a relic of one who is dead. Therefore, when a medium picks up such a locket from the rostrum she always sees, though without committing herself definitely, a photograph which is connected with it.

"It must be taken into consideration that the same people attend seances week after week, and the medium gets to know them, though they think they give her no information about themselves.

"For instance, a man who is a teacher in one of the public schools here began to investigate spiritualism about two years ago. He attended seances during the winter and spring. He thought he was very careful not to reveal anything about his family or life, but in the course of delivering messages the medium had learned his profession and that he lived in the Bronx.

"Well, after being away for the summer the teacher came back to town the Thursday before the Monday on which school opened, and attended the seance on Sunday evening. At the door one of the medium's assistants welcomed him, as is the custom, and remarked that he had grown to be quite a stranger.

"Yes," replied the teacher; "I only got back on Thursday. Been off on my vacation."

"When the medium arrived she greeted the company, and proceeded to hand out bits of information before beginning the regular work of the evening.

"You were downtown yesterday," she remarked to the teacher.

"Of course she had learned from her assistant that he had returned from his vacation on Thursday, and naturally concluded that a teacher coming home after a season's absence would have errands to take him downtown between that day and the opening of school."

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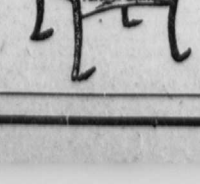
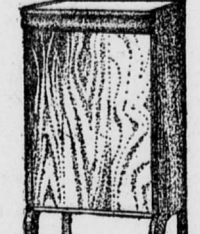
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The little waifs had the time of their life, many of whom had never seen the ocean. The cars took them a long distance close to the surf.

The group picnicked at Playa del Rey at the noon hour. The time extended from 10 a. m. until late in the afternoon.

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